

JULY, 1894.

~ THE ~

KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

A QUARTERLY PUBLISHED BY THE KAPPA ALPHA
THETA FRATERNITY. EDITED BY LAMBDA
CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

VOL. VIII, NO 4.

BURLINGTON, VT. :
PRINTED AND BOUND BY FREE PRESS ASSOCIATION.
1894.

CONTENTS.

A Plea for Non-Secrecy.
Fraternity Criticism.
Financial Outlook of *K. A. Θ.*
Vice President's Letter.
President's Letter.
Alumna Communication.
A Plea for Sincerity.
Obituary and Resolutions of Respect.
Editorials.
Chapter Letters.
Exchanges.

THE
KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

Editor, - - MISS M. P. SKINNER, Bristol, Conn.

Business Managers, { MRS. J. H. SPEAR, } Burlington, Vt.
{ MRS. W. B. GATES, }

Exchange Editor, MRS. I. H. DEYETT, Shelburne, Vt.

VOL. VIII.

JULY, 1894.

NO. 4.

A PLEA FOR NON-SECRECY.

TO fraternity members—at least to us in Kappa Alpha Theta—the discussion of the advantages of secrecy and non-secrecy, may, at first thought, seem a mere waste of time. We think “our secrets are the least part of our fraternity life. If we choose to keep private our purposes and forms, why should anyone object? It is merely a matter of taste.” This at first thought—but when we consider the matter carefully, we shall see that it is well worthy of our attention.

The greatest objection to secrecy is its utter uselessness. Who will not acknowledge that the secrecy of most fraternities is scarcely more than nominal? What is it we guard so sacredly from the eyes of the world? Have we priceless knowledge which helps us to prosper above our less fortunate friends? Have we some invaluable treasure which publicity would destroy? No, our secret wealth consists in nothing more than a constitution, a motto, a form of initiation, and a grip! This, then, is what we

so solemnly pledge ourselves never to reveal, these are the wonderful secrets we are supposed to possess. Let us see what harm would be done if these were made known to the world.

Our constitution undoubtedly differs very little from all others in the Greek world ; it contains nothing of which we could be ashamed;—what possible good can it do us to keep it so carefully from the public? Indeed, it is already by no means an uncommon thing for our constitutions to be open to the inspection of College faculties.

Our motto consists of three Greek words—three virtues, which represent the ideals to which we aspire. Because the world knows for what we are striving, shall we be less able to attain our ends?

Would our initiations lose in impressiveness and solemnity because our pledge and ceremonies are known to outsiders? We see an illustration of this in the church whose ancient and beautiful services, though concealed from no eye, still not only lose nothing of respect and dignity on that account, but they have in reality risen in the estimation of everyone.

What of our grip? Non-secrecy would do away with this entirely—is objected. Then so much the better, for of what use is it anyway? Does it not rather detract from than add to the dignity and warmth of a meeting between two sisters? Can any more love flow through two hands clasped in a certain way than when the usual hearty shake is given? When we meet a sister we are unusually glad to see, is not the grip entirely forgotten in the warm grasp whose prompting comes straight from the heart? How insignificant the grip seems to us on occasions like this! Although we may succeed at other times, we certainly fail now, no matter how hard we try to convince ourselves that the fraternity grip can deepen our feelings.

Surely no one believes that her fraternity is dearer to her because she cannot tell certain things about it, because no one

must know whether her ideal is truth or justice or unselfishness or some other desirable quality.

It may be thought that we are bound more closely together by having something in common, which is known only to us. There might appear to be some truth in this, if the secrets we possess would justify our guarding them so sacredly; but does it not seem like a farce to pledge ourselves just as solemnly to guard the secrets of the fraternity, as to help and be a sister to its members? Is there not danger that we may forget the latter in the supposed importance of the former?

No one can believe that secrecy is necessary to the life of the fraternity as long as one of the oldest and noblest of our fraternities is non-secret.

Because this secrecy is useless, is to me sufficient reason, not only why we *might as well* do away with all mystery, but why we *should* do away with it. In nature, as soon as an organ, a plant, an animal, loses its function, it dwindles away and becomes extinct; it no longer has a right to exist—it must give place to the useful things around it. So should secrecy, being without function, die and leave room for the higher developments of fraternity life.

But the objection to secrecy by no means ends with its uselessness. Against it, far greater and stronger is the fact that actual harm is done to the fraternity in the eyes of the world, and this harm would outweigh a large amount of good, did any exist in secrecy.

By exposing our actions to the world we should be in less danger of lowering ourselves to the use of petty forms and meaningless rites, as in the case of the initiation, where we may be tempted to add to our beautiful and impressive pledge certain ordeals which detract from the dignity and solemnity of the occasion.

We, who belong to fraternities, know to how little the secrecy amounts; we do not feel differently towards our friends, but they cannot understand it so. We cannot discuss our fraternity life freely with any one who is not initiated—we are constantly catching ourselves for fear we shall tell some profound secret, the pettiness of which, when we think of it, almost makes us blush; our friends do not dare to ask us questions about it, for fear they may touch upon some forbidden subject. Thus their knowledge is mostly limited to whatever uncertain interpretation they may give to the mysterious hints and technical phrases dropped by us, too often only with a view to exciting their curiosity. Charitably, they may assume that our purposes and forms are all they should be, but the world in general is against fraternities, and the natural inference when a society is secret is that there is something about its objects so dark that its members could not have it see the light of day, or else that there is something so silly that they would be ashamed to have it known. These charges no doubt are just, in different degrees, to different fraternities. But by the actions of each fraternity every other is judged. Many years ago, a man was killed in an initiation at one of our Universities, and even now every secret fraternity continues to suffer for it, whether justly or not, and will suffer for it as long as we refuse to reveal our objects.

If students entered college at a riper age, after the delights of childish mystery had worn off, the secret fraternity would undoubtedly die, for mature men and women do not care to go into something of which they know little or nothing. The true fraternity *idea* is a noble and helpful one, far too useful to be destroyed on account of forms and customs, supposed to be essential, but added for some imaginary benefit, which makes the idea unpopular.

How could we better restore the confidence of the world than by saying: "Here is our constitution, here our pledge, this is our motto, you can see that we have no evil objects, every woman be-

fore her initiation knows exactly what she is about to promise. Our actions are open for inspection. We are not a set of silly girls, we are a chapter of college women, striving not for empty pleasures to make our associates envious, but for the highest and noblest womanhood."

Why should we not then stand before the world and be judged for what we really are, instead of for what it chooses to think of us, estimating us by any other secret fraternity it may happen to know?

So when we add to uselessness great injury to every fraternity, I can scarcely see how secrecy has continued to exist as long as it has, and I believe that its end is not far off.

By non-secrecy I do not mean that we should necessarily publish in every detail our aims and actions, but that no oath should be taken in regard to the communication of them. Surely there could be no danger that members, even at the immature age at which they are often initiated, with the welfare of their fraternity at heart, could impart any of the doings of the fraternity which might injure it. Ordinary business sense would be a sufficient guide in all cases as to what were best not told. So does it not seem rather belittling that we should feel it necessary to thus protect our fraternities with a solemn oath?

Kappa Alpha Theta will always feel proud to be the first woman's fraternity. With how much more reason might she feel proud to be the first woman's fraternity to cast off the shackles of secrecy and stand before the world for what she ought to be, an example of the true fraternity.

BERTHA L. BROOMELL,

Swarthmore College,

Pennsylvania.

FRATERNITY CRITICISM.

IN the *ideal* fraternity, criticism of members by each other is conceded to be most useful. But practical application of this theory has been found difficult—almost impossible in some instances.

If it is a custom conducive to good results theoretically, what is that which hinders its practical application? Almost invariably a lack of the proper fraternity spirit in this relationship which we have solemnly sworn to guard and keep sacred. The criticism is given in spite and received with indignation, only to be returned on the first opportunity with additional ferocity.

This is a direct violation of the spirit as well as of the letter of the fraternity. That the "fraternity is a society for mutual improvement" is a trite truth. Its object is to bring to their highest development whatever of good, and to discourage all evil tendencies there may be in any and all of its members. Petty vanities, inordinate love of self and inordinate pride have no right place in fraternity relations. As women of intelligence we have entered into a bargain; why not stand by it? Why let the truth and nobility of fraternity life be crippled by the cowardice and ignorant self-satisfaction of its members?

Any member who does a wrong has very little respect for her sisters if they are *afraid* to tell her of it. She soon grows careless of the opinion of such and is less and less easy to reach. Others will be influenced to disregard their vows and to take from the fraternity its authority. Its inner life sapped and we have nothing left but the empty form of vows unkept.

Criticism is not necessarily a fixed form. In any chapter worthy to be called a part of a fraternity there is an undercurrent of love and respect, out of which grows a desire to act in accordance with the united wish. There is a feeling that much is hoped and

expected by the others and this has its influence. But something more tangible is required. Older girls can help by suggestions, those with greater social advantages can give assistance and in no way better or safer than by recognized, formal fraternity criticism.

Criticism need not be adverse. Encouragement is often more efficient than any other method. My experience, however, has led me to believe that an exchange of compliments is often the most injurious of practices. One is too apt to rest on his oars, thinking he has accomplished all.

On the other hand just criticism, though severe, clears the atmosphere. Such a number of persons, so closely associated, will notice faults and these endured in silence or discussed with others foster an unnatural irritation that will be sure to find vent in some way much harder to bear than honest criticism.

Not alone faults of character, but disagreeable and inelegant personal traits should be made the subject of criticism. In its relation to the University the fraternity has the right to cherish its studentship; in its social relations it must deal with that most influential side of a woman's character, her social attainments.

In determining what part in this exercise underclassmen should take, it should be remembered that the fraternity is essentially a republic and that if criticism is to be just it must be reciprocal. On the other hand, younger and less experienced persons should ever cultivate a becoming modesty.

My experience and observation have convinced me that a wholesome dread of public criticism is the greatest factor in the student's life. It keeps up his scholarship, changes and elevates his social ideals and also materially influences his personal appearance.

No fault should be too great, no personal negligence too slight to be legitimately within the field of fraternity criticism.

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

FOR my own pleasure, I should perhaps choose some other subject than this hackneyed and timeworn theme of finance, and yet, as it is, I shall be glad to waste no opportunity of adding my own small voice to the good work of emphasizing the importance of finance in our fraternity life.

We are, I think, entering a sort of transition period in which I am most hopeful, that, leaving behind many evils of the past, and looking forward to better things in the future, we shall move forward, raising the standard of our fraternity as we go, until we have attained as high a position in this particular as we have already done in others; but to do this we must acknowledge that, individually and collectively, we have been at fault and need to overcome many bad habits in our lack of system, law and order.

No organization can, as we know, live and prosper without a proper system and order for managing its affairs; and yet it is so easy a matter to neglect and put off small matters of business in connection with the fraternity, that we almost *unconsciously* yield more and more to an inclination to procrastinate and to think of general fraternity matters as of really less importance than the business affairs of the chapter, and so we grow and develop a chapter, rather than a fraternity spirit, forgetting that our *great* strength is the fraternity, that our first and best interests are for our organization, that we may add to its firmness rather than undermine its foundations by our shortsightedness and neglect. Of course the root of all evil, as well as of all good, lies in the individual, and individual responsibility is our greatest need, since, as effect follows cause, the responsible chapter, which is to be depended upon, grows out of it. We, as intelligent thinking college women, it seems to me, ought to be first to recognize

the value of prompt and systematic and thorough attention to business; and if we add to these qualities a ready and willing spirit, we shall in truth be acting in the best interests of the fraternity, and above all, setting a worthy example to those who will follow in our footsteps; for I claim it to be the duty which each member owes directly to Kappa Alpha Theta to leave the highest fraternity as well as chapter spirit that they are able with those whom they leave in their places. Now I know there are many who would resent this being said of them, and yet I regret to say that there are too often members who remain shamefully ignorant of what fraternity finance and fraternity business means. I have seen myself a member of one of our largest chapters, and treasurer of her chapter at the time, who had no idea how the financial part of our fraternity is conducted. Such a state of affairs is surely damaging to our self-respect as older members, for it is owing to the fact that we fail to interest the new comers in the things they must or ought to be familiar with.

As chapters there is plenty of room for us to improve in that one aggravating little fault of procrastination which, though it seems so small a thing, is capable of so much mischief. It is to be regretted that the demands of the fraternity should be so great a burden upon its members that a payment must be put off and put off again, to the inconvenience of all concerned; but need it be so if each member would look ahead a little and each chapter adopt some systematic method for collecting its tax? My attention has been called to a chapter who made a rule that each member should pay so much a month toward the general tax. Such a rule, if carried out strictly, would, I am sure, simplify matters, especially for our larger chapters who find difficulty in collecting from so large a number. Smaller chapters may find it easier. At all events I should like to say, to the credit of our fraternity, that one of our small, struggling chapters, the members of which I have been glad to know personally on account of their fraternity loyalty and

spirit, has done us honor by the willingness with which they have borne their share, although at great self-sacrifice, and who were the only ones who were thoughtful enough to cover the expense of an additional notice sent to them although the opportunity was open to all. A small thing, but it has claimed much credit for them.

I do not wish to find all fault and no good, for there is much for us to rejoice over. Thanks to our last convention and to those who prepared the way for it, Kappa Alpha Theta has taken a firmer stand and a broader outlook than ever before. It has made wise laws and selected officers to whom we have entrusted a greater power, and who have accepted it as a sacred trust. We have laid the foundations of a firm organization and it is for us now to abide by it with unwearying zeal. Then, as we "foolish little sisters," as our good editor calls us, grow older, we shall grow wiser and more self-reliant. We will build up our organization until it grows a mightier and a mightier power and in the end we shall indeed honor our fraternity, and our self-respect shall be more to us than the commendation of many; and, furthermore, our interest—our material and practical interest, which is so sadly lacking in the majority of our *alumnæ*—shall do much to help on our still younger "foolish sisters" when *our* college career is past.

FLORENCE SAWYER.

VICE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

GREETING and congratulations to all members of our sisterhood! As I have read the chapter correspondence during this year I have felt more than ever like saying with Ik Marvel—"Blessed be letters!" The chapter letters, and more especially the semi-annual reports, tell their own story of a most successful year, and are abundant evidence of advance in every line of fraternity work. The last number of the Journal seemed to me by far the best yet published by our editorial staff, the literary articles were just what each chapter needed, while the enthusiasm and loyalty of the entire correspondence were happy indications of prosperity and harmony. This is encouraging and leads us to hope for still better things in the year to come. Among these "better things" stands first in my mind the need of better chapter organization, and I wish to emphasize this need to every member of our fraternity. Since leaving college, I have had occasion to discuss this topic with members of different chapters and the opinion seemed to be universal that our chapter, training might be rendered far more efficient.

The chapter meeting, as the nucleus of fraternity life, should be so conducted that the greatest possible benefit may be derived therefrom by each member. It is here that the aims of the fraternity should be most satisfactorily developed.

Now I do not wish to do away with any of the "good times" at our weekly meetings but I do think that if we are to receive any benefits from our business sessions rules of order must be strictly adhered to. Here, where we have the advantage of the kindly criticism of our sisters, is the very best place to learn to preside gracefully, to put motions correctly and to discuss questions of a business nature with ease and intelligence. In order to bring about this happy state of affairs, give a most prominent place on our lodge-

room desk to Roberts' Rules of Order and allow no dust to accumulate on its covers.

Again, I feel that our chapter meetings would be conducted more understandingly and our fraternity education greatly improved, if a system of examinations on our much-abused constitution and on fraternity life in general could be introduced into each chapter. Such a method could not fail to be of service to the newly initiated and I am quite convinced that it would do us all good.

The social and literary part of the meetings is, of course, optional with each chapter as to its character. I do not favor extensive literary work, however, for I believe that the time devoted to discussing the works of the various authors might be more satisfactorily given to talking over the events of the week. The most encouraging chapter report says—"We try to keep informed on the topics of the day". Now that is just what each chapter can do with great advantage to its fund of general information. Let each member feel that she is to add something to the interest of the meeting, let advice be freely sought and given, let harmony and love rule supreme and I think that we will find that the hour or so given over to informal conversation will form one of the most practical portions of our college and fraternity life and the true aim of our sisterhood will be more successfully realized.

Yours most cordially,

MAY E. BROWN.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

THERE is very little for me to write to the chapters at this time. The quarter which has just closed has been an uneventful one.

About six weeks ago the news reached me of the death of one of Epsilon's members, Grace Overholt. Doubtless many of you knew her, as she has attended the last two National Conventions, as well as the District Convention in March, '93. Her loss is one not only to Epsilon chapter, but to the whole fraternity, and Epsilon's sorrow is our sorrow too. Wherever she was, her influence was felt; and the gentle strength of her character was quickly realized. A life has gone out from us in the midst of its beauty of youngness and its promise, leaving us only a memory which rests upon us like a hallowed benediction.

The Grand Council, as the Recording Secretary has doubtless reported to you, has decided to hold the next Convention with Chi chapter at Syracuse, N. Y. The time has not yet been fixed, but it will be agreed upon early in the fall. I hope that each chapter will begin at once to consider the Convention and submit to us from time to time whatever suggestions you may have of whatever nature.

The year which has just closed has from a general standpoint been a very harmonious one, and we thank you very much for the kind co-operation we have received from the chapters. With best wishes for a happy summer,

MARGARET E. SMITH,

President of Grand Council.

THE SPRING-PROCESSION AT ECHTERNACH.

IN the northern part of the Grand-duchy of Luxemburg, in the fertile valley of the river Sauer, surrounded by flat and unromantic scenery, and having no attraction in the line of artistic achievements, lies the little village of Echternach. And yet this plain and unassuming little village has one great harvest of the year, which, in the crowds attracted, might awaken the envy of the proudest capitals of Europe. The object of this attraction is what is known as the Spring-procession, a sort of exercise or dance which takes place the Tuesday of each year following Pentecost.

The origin of this quaint proceeding is unknown, but may be traced back to the misty realms of pre-historic Echternach. Some heartless sceptics, who fail to see the effect of its benign influence upon this community, claim that it is one of the relics of heathenism in its origin, a sort of homage done to the old heathen gods of these Teutonic races. Popular belief, which is the religious belief of this community, ascribes it, however, to a much later date, making it take its origin entirely within the period of Christendom, and from the life and work of Saint Willibrord, Bishop and founder of the Benedictine abbey of this place (8th Century).

One story founded upon this supposition is that, soon after the founding of the monastery and hospital, a plague visited this region and was rapidly sweeping away its inhabitants; even the sisters of mercy, while ministering to the suffering ones, were themselves one after another falling under its baneful power, when one day their Bishop arrived. Through the prayers of this saintly man, and the sprinkling of holy water, those who were already suffering with the dread malady were healed and the plague was stayed. From this circumstance, his fame, as having especial power over diseases, rapidly spread, and after his death a peculiar pilgrimage to his tomb to implore his intercession in behalf of

this community, to maintain it free from such blighting diseases, was established.

According to other legends it takes its origin as late as the twelfth century, at which time a contagious disease, causing fearful contortions and convulsions in its victims, was sweeping over Germany and the Netherlands. It then occurred to the inhabitants to establish a voluntary pilgrimage, accomplished through a series of convulsive movements, as a work of penance, to escape the convulsions of the disease. The latter theory seems, perhaps, more than the others, to have about it the appearance of probability, since at the present time, participation in this peculiar exercise is considered in this locality the most perfect security against epilepsy and other convulsive diseases. Authorities on the subject state that the salutary effects of this pilgrimage upon all this region, reaching even into the Eifel Mountains, are of such a decided nature that they cannot be doubted or denied.

On the 17th of May, 1891, the day on which occurred that year's celebration of this occasion, the morning broke dark and cloudy, but notwithstanding the threatening aspect of nature the inhabitants of this vicinity were up and astir early to take part in the exercises of the day. The excursion trains from all the neighboring cities were loaded with curiosity-seeking travelers or devotees of the health-preserving Saint. Besides the throngs which were thus being conveyed thither by the power of steam, might be seen from the car window, miles away from their destination, crowds of pilgrims on their way to Echternach. The sight of these thousands, thus slowly wending their way to a *religious* festival, was a novel one to an American traveler whose experience of celebrations was limited to that of the 4th of July or a circus, of which the crowds, gaily dressed in all the ribbons, flowers and furbelows, which the hoardings of the year can purchase, come loaded in lumber-wagons, buck-boards and the like. *Here was*

never a horse or wagon to be seen in all the journey of the day, but young and old, even little children and those decrepit with age, were on their way afoot.

As they came in swarms down the distant highways, one might almost imagine them, from the multitude, bees or locusts seeking new fields of nourishment. Those in the foreground, however, wearing the peasant garb peculiar to this region, the women with low, heavy shoes, short skirts, many of them striped with bright colors, and head-gear, half cap, half bonnet, peculiar to this class; the men with blue jean jackets, short, gray trousers, and slouch hats indicative of many years of wear, presented a scene picturesque in the extreme.

Arrived in the village, the traveler and sight-seer proceeded at once to station himself where he could gain a view of the day's proceedings. In an incredibly short time every available door, window, platform, or any other place in the whole village affording a little elevation was rented, while crowds, not so fortunate as to secure any of these, lined the streets in every direction.

The devotees of St. Willibrord, on the other hand, passed immediately to the church, where, after a brief sermon, touching the life of the Saint, and the salutary influence of this exercise upon the community, the order of exercises was arranged. At about 9 o'clock it began with a prayer to St. Willibrord, after which the participants, being arranged about five abreast, in the form of a procession, began to move, repeating in slow, monotonous tones this prayer—

“God, the Father, have mercy upon us.

God, the Son, have mercy upon us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Holy Willibrord, true voice of God, pray for us.

Holy Willibrord, healer of the sick, pray for us,” etc.

At the close of the prayer, the worshipers join hands, and, with the body bent forward, the elbows projecting and flapping

very much like the wings of a bird in flight, they begin a dancing or hopping motion, consisting, in general, of three steps forward and two back, so that the whole procession moves slowly forward. The step, however, is varied somewhat to suit the peculiar taste or fancy of each participant. Those young in limb give hearty leaps which defy all rules of the dance as well as powers of description, while others with rheumatic joints are hampered at every step. Here and there one less patient or good-natured than the others becomes annoyed at the careless or awkward mis-step of his neighbor, and gives an angry slap or kick at the offender.

The movement is accompanied by music as strange and wierd as the motion itself. All the old instruments that can be collected in a poor peasant community—old drums, cracked violins, squeaking fifes, etc.—are brought together to do service for the occasion.

As this sea of heads, some young, some gray, some bald, reaching as far as the eye can see in either direction, all move in unison to the time of the music, the observer sees only the ludicrousness of the whole proceeding. But as hour after hour passes, their faces become flushed with fatigue, yet on they move with the same zeal as at the beginning, while here and there is to be distinguished a mother carrying in her weary arms a child, bearing upon its features the impress of extreme suffering, which she hopes by this means to bring to the notice and favor of the Saint, the amusement of the observer ceases, and he is now impressed only with the extreme pathos of the whole, realizing that what for him is an amusing farce, is for the participant a matter of the deepest earnestness, and he can but experience a feeling of sadness that a whole community, in the heart of enlightened Europe, can still be moved by a superstition so out of keeping with the 19th century.

A PLEA FOR SINCERITY.

I've been thinking about how many new thoughts we are getting in these days, and getting them so easily too ; men who have given the best years of their lives to study and travel, give us the quintessence of it all. How full our note books are ! How it all makes us long to live lives of just the one purpose—truth and nobility in every deed. And yet we don't do it. We are not always noble or always true. We have connected with those attributes, vague pictures of panic stricken crowds, and the scream of a drowning girl. Most of us don't get the opportunity for that sort of heroism, whether or not it is the highest. It is one kind, but there's another and a higher for us because it is within our reach.

"This is our inspiration time ; by and by will come the time for action. It's too bad the two can't be together ;" said one of the students, last semester. I wonder if they cannot. It is of importance to us whether or not we utilize our new inspirations. We can't just pack them away, till we have time to use them. I think inspiration is about as fleeting as any thing we feel, and if one abuses it, lets it go to waste, it doesn't come again soon.

This is the solution of the question, that suggests itself to me. We hear a very great deal about love ; it's lectured to us, preached to us, talked to us, and sometimes lived before us in its broadest sense. We believe in it most fully. We are glad the Congress of Religions decided as they did about Universal Brotherhood ; and when we have taken our degree we all mean to do our share toward making it a really true thing. Kate and I were talking about it, one day, while we were taking a walk. We were growing quite enthused when the dirtiest of dirty Chinamen passed us. "What do you suppose life means to that creature?" said I. Then we both laughed. Where was our theory of universal

Brotherhood? Life probably meant as much to "that creature" in his way, as it did to us. But we couldn't love him very ardently, in a specific way, (and the specific things are the powerful ones always, aren't they?)

Don't you remember when you "got mad" at six year-old Mollie, and were not ever going to play with her any more? You were telling her about it with considerable youthful fervor, when Jack tipped over your common doll house. You and Mollie were one again, because you had a common aim (even though it was nothing higher than to "get even" with Jack). I have thought that this is the way with dirty Chinese. We really have an aim in common with them, whether or not they realize it, and if our hearts are just filled with love, they will have to be taken into them too. Rather we shall be too busy to think anything about them, until the time shall come to act for them, and then we shall find the love all ready to tell us how.

"Get your heart full of love." It's easily said. It's often said; but like such things, it's also vague. I know a dear Theta who once had occasion to pass coffee to some dozen impatient girls. It wasn't the easiest place to feel loving always (though she didn't state the matter this way). She wanted to get something out of it, she said; so she put something in. Into each cup of coffee she put a prayer. Maybe it didn't help the coffee, but it did help her, very much, because it broadened her loving powers.

"Broad," that's a word we hear often, too. I wonder if ever any of us actually do love broadly. We have so many shams in this. Take even so beautiful a thing as our courtesy. We, as women, and as Thetas, pride ourselves upon it. We are careful about the little points of refinement, and gentleness, even where people will not know the shade of difference between what we do, and that which a less lady-like girl would have done. But why do we do the higher? I've been surprised, and greatly disappointed,

more than once, to analyze coolly the motive behind some of my actions. Take the case of which we were speaking. We smile to a girl, whose "social level" is below our own. Do we not feel a tinge of respect for selves for it? Don't we do the lady-like thing because we feel that a lady should be above "social levels" where kindness is concerned? Isn't it for our own sakes quite as much as for her's? Wouldn't it be possible to smile to her, because she is a woman, and because we, too, have all the vital points in common?

For the next few decades it seems as if there were little alike in our lives; but after all, above all I would say, there are the same mysteries around us both—"the silences behind and before, with this confused noise between." It is just as much to her, as to us, whether humanity retrogrades, or moves steadily on toward the perfection set before it. She may not realize it perhaps, because she has had fewer of the advantages we prize so highly. But is not that just another reason why we should be kind to her, to try to make up to her, in some degree, for what has been denied to her?

We are so little in our lives! What would we think of a man, who stuffed his ears hard full of cotton, before going to hear Beethoven play? He would get a general idea for he would hear the loud chords. But wouldn't he miss all the fineness and exquisiteness—all the real music?

Sometimes I think we are living in just that way. We have our hearts all packed full of petty ambitions, and mean trifles that will not matter at all to the next century's life—unless we change their whole character by doing them lovingly.

We all believe that next days are the best times for judging. Next morning's breakfast table is where we can best decide as to the success of to-night's party. You cannot judge of the height of a mountain, when you stand at its base. Let us get away from ourselves, girls! Let us think which of these things that are

making up our lives, will count to the world, without the stamp of our personality upon them. For they will all have to stand that test. Nothing of them will remain, except the love we put into them.

I do not think what we need is so much, more courtesy, as sincerity in that we already have. One of the most polished girls I ever knew, was also the least loved. I think it was because it was simply polish, surface, and that was quite all. It couldn't help but show. An empty rose-jar looks just as pretty as one filled with the fragrant leaves. But it might stay in a room forever without making the air any sweeter.

In the work we have been doing this semester, trying to trace the growth of the Romantic school, from that of Pope, pointing out how this little poem here, and that one there, all helped on the death of the old see-saw conventionalism of form, and the birth of the new freedom, and health in verse, I have wondered how far these often unknown poets knew what they were doing; how far they intended to do it. Perhaps very little. I wonder where, and how we, in our turn, are helping toward the higher that is to be.

In this way, I do believe, we can do our earnest part, that shall tell. We can be more sincerely courteous, love more broadly. We can do the most lowly duties of our lives, for the love of the Highest that we reverence. "God's measure is love. A thing is great or small to Him just in proportion to the amount of consecration that goes into it. To Him, blacking boots and writing poems are alike, if the love in them is alike great." Let us remember this! Let us make it (and we can, if we will) so that when the girls of nineteen hundred and ninety-four, shall study into the expression we may have given of our lives, and our hearts, that they may be able to trace the evolution of their own hopes and lives,—let us so act, that they shall say, and be helped

to make their own times like to it : "It was an epoch marked by the deepest sincerity, and the broadest love."

" And I heard a voice from Heaven saying : ' Love ye one-another.' "

W. W., CHI.



OBITUARY.

Psi mourns the loss of a dearly loved sister, Mrs. Long, *nee* Lawrence, who died at her parents' home near Boscatel, Monday, April 16th.

Mrs. Long was recognized in college circles as a brilliant and hard-working student who was never content with anything less than the very best results. She studied law for two years at the University of Wisconsin and was admitted to the bar by the State Board of Examiners before she received her degree from the College of Law. She had the honor of being the first woman ever admitted to the bar of Wisconsin by the State Board and received higher standing than any of the men who were admitted at that time.

To those who knew Mrs. Long in college she endeared herself by her sweet and sympathetic disposition, and, as a charter member of Psi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, all the girls of her chapter mourn deeply in her death the loss of one who aided in giving to them their Theta privileges by her own earnest and faithful effort.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, God has seen fit to take to Himself our dearly-loved sister, Norma Lawrence Long. Be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Psi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, deeply mourn the loss of our departed sister.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved husband and parents our deepest sympathy in their affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family and also that copies be added to the chapter record, published in the KAPPA ALPHA THETA and in the college papers.

(Signed)

MARGARET STILES,
ANNA M. STRONG.

Since our last journal Epsilon has come to know the grief of losing a beloved sister—Grace Overholt, ex-'94, known and loved by many sisters of other chapters, most loved by those who knew her best.

She had been travelling in the South with relatives and became ill with fever and complications of heart trouble. At the Easter time she was brought home, and on April 4th left this home for the one beyond, going so quietly that her sorrowing mother said: "Grace slipped away from us without our knowing it." Thoroughly true and good, always gentle, yet unflinching in a matter of principle.

Loved and trusted by those who were not fraternity members as by those of us more closely bound.

One of these classmates has said of her: "Once more the Reaper whose name is Death has been among the flowers. A fair young life has been tenderly transplanted to bloom in the brighter fields above. We cannot understand the Providence that has again called from our midst one of the brightest and best; we can only trust, believing that it was because He loved her. Some angel voice must have whispered in her ear: 'The Master is here, and calleth for thee. And she, when she heard it, arose quickly, and went unto him.'"

Insomuch as our Omnipotent Father and loving Savior has called from among us one so young and so intimately connected with the pleasures and duties of Epsilon Chapter of *KΑΘ* Fraternity,

we assure the family of our warm love to our sister Grace and our sincere sympathy to her parents and brothers.

The Fraternity at large as well as Epsilon has lost a loyal friend and worker, and we feel that this link in our chain can never be replaced. Her loving deeds and kindly influence will long be remembered by each of the girls.

Although we do not always understand our Heavenly Father's ways, yet we bow to His will and say, "Thy will, O Lord, not ours, be done."

CLOE DEVONA FUNCK,
DORA EDITH ANDERSON,
LUCILE ST. CLAIR JONES.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to bereave our sister, Ada Brewer, by removing from her her father, and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our heartfelt love and condolence; be it

Resolved, That the members of Delta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta do extend to her in her sorrow their loving sympathy, hoping that she may receive consolation from the "Father of mercies and God of all comfort;" also

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her and a copy be printed in the KAPPA ALPHA THETA and in the college paper.

MARY POTTER, }
PEARL SMITH, } *Committee.*
BESSIE LUKE, }

EDITORIALS.

COMMUNICATIONS to the October number must be sent in the first of September.

2525252525252525

We recommend most heartily our Treasurer's paper on Finance. Miss Sawyer speaks from experience and with authority. She sets forth our besetting sin in its true proportions. Let us not, ostrich-like, hide our heads any longer, but hold them up and look the matter boldly in the face and see if we cannot muster moral courage enough to profit by our Treasurer's daring hints.

5252525252525252

The plea for "Non-secrecy" suggests several thoughts. A writer in *Harper's Weekly* asserts that our love for secret societies is due to our lack of titles as American people; that there is, in the human heart, an inherent love for high sounding names; so, since we cannot hear ourselves called "lord" and "lady," we join fraternities for the sake of becoming Grand Master, Worthy Chief, and Benign Brother.

It is an unmistakable fact that secret organizations are rapidly springing up and spreading over the United States, and for magnificence of title might be mentioned The Independent Order of Hoo-Hoos—a Western society which numbers among its officers Supreme Snarks and Grand Vice Snarks. Texas boasts of a Gracious Pack of Free and Unterrified Jimplecutes whose head officer is an exalted Willipus Wallipus and a Grand Benign Old Grascuters, and a Chief Refulgent and Iridescent Gee Whiz.

It is said that a Dakota woman sued for divorce because her husband belonged to so many secret societies it amounted practically to desertion. She bore with him through all the usual initiations, but when, on one of his rare and brief visits to his home for the purpose of changing his uniform, he announced that he

was about to join the Mystic Bond of the Noble Sons of Belial with the hope of some day becoming Worshipful Grand Eldest Son, she rebelled.

Prof. Blanchard, of Wheaton college, delivered a lecture not long since, entitled "The Search Light on Oath-Bound Secrecy." In it, he denounced secret societies and college fraternities, in the most scathing terms, as being most harmful both to church and to state. His chief objection to these orders is that they link together Christian with un-Christian people and work positive evil to the religion of Jesus Christ.

With so much opposition, we may expect, before long, to hear of a Secret Society for the Suppression of Secret Societies.

Yet whatever objections have been made, or can be made to secret orders, the college fraternity is here to stay, and no search light can reveal any good and sufficient reason why it should not be here.

Flaws that may be found are not due to any secret oaths or obligations that have been taken, but rather to a violation of the same.

If we live up to our vows, we shall fully justify our *raison d'être*.

=====

The Editor intends to send Kappa a Christmas present of a ream of note paper in half sheets *ruled on one side only*.

If any others would like a little remembrance of this kind, they have only to send in the same old chapter letters written on four sides of the paper, and then criss-crossed at the top and bottom.

=====

The time to hold Convention is in July. Then there will be no difficulty about the delegates being able to come; while, if any other time is set, those who are in college or teaching will have to lose two weeks of work.

Miss Mary L. Mills, the Exchange editor of the JOURNAL, was married June 27th, to Mr. I. H. Deyett, of Shelburne, Vt., where they will reside. All business communications will please be directed to her new address.

2222222222222222

Chi is going into a Chapter House next fall. We congratulate her.

2222227422222222

Eta is also contemplating the prospect of a Chapter House. This speaks pretty well for our youngest chapter.



CHAPTER CORRESPONDENCE.

Alpha District.

IOTA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

IOTA sends greetings to the Theta sisters after the six months' silence for which she apologizes, hoping to send her chapter letter regularly to the JOURNAL in the future.

The year, which is so near its close, has been a prosperous and happy one with us. Pledging day was put so late that we were in the midst of preparation for the fall term of examinations before we received answers to our "bids," and so it was not until the beginning of the winter term that we initiated our five new Thetas. Mrs. Nichols, who is "one of us," opened her house for the initiation, and no more pretty and convenient place could have been wished for. Elizabeth Carss, '95, who entered with '97, Elisabeth Ingals, special, Agnes White, '97, Bertha Marx, '97, and Jessica Hitchcock, '97, were taken into the mystic circle of *K A Θ*. We were delighted to have with us for the "swing" Mrs. Tanner, formerly Lillian Marsh, and Mrs. Shebley who was formerly Lena Edwards.

On the evening of November 27th, we gave a small dancing party in the "Sage" drawing room, for the purpose of introducing to some of our friends our new girls, of whom we are justly proud.

Our number has again been increased by the initiation of Lillian Swift, '97, for which event Prof. Combstock kindly opened his house and left Iota in entire possession. Mrs. Combstock, who is a very helpful and loyal Theta, was absent from home during the winter term, but she is again with us, and every Friday after-

noon, a group of "our girls" gather around the cheerful fire in her parlor and thoroughly enjoy themselves.

All this year Mrs. Nichols has had the most delightful "Wednesday evenings" and the Theta girls enjoy the privilege of being among her guests whenever they wish. Every college girl knows how to appreciate such a bit of home life.

We are now happy in having with us for a few days Mary Banks, '95, and Myrtle Wells, '93.

Iota has had her share of "honors" this year. Last week we were delighted to see Margaret Boynton, '95, wearing the Phi Beta Kappa key, and we rejoiced with Jeanette Sheldon, '94, who was elected to Sigma Xi.

Cornell is beautiful in her Spring garb, and more charming than ever does she appear to the Seniors who are so soon to leave the Alma Mater. Iota's ranks will be broken and there will be but ten left to enter the campaign next October, but it is quality not quantity which avails. Those who leave feel that Iota will be in the faithful hands of those who have her best interests ever at heart.

With kindest wishes,
IOTA.

ALPHA BETA.

SWARTHMORE, PENN.

Dear Theta Sisters:

The college year is drawing to a close, and, as is ever the case, we are loath to part with our Seniors. Two of them are charter members, and as they are the last to be in the active chapter we feel that we are growing quite old. Bertha Broomell has been elected prophet for class day, and Caroline Sargent has been appointed commencement speaker by the faculty. We feel sure they will do justice to their positions and reflect honor upon Theta.

Our chapter will miss our '94 sisters, and our only consolation is that four of the five will be near us next year. Caroline Sargent will be at home in St. Paul, Minn., and hopes to keep up her fraternity interest through the girls of Upsilon chapter.

Our prospects for the coming year are bright. We are glad to be able to say that Jane Shaw, '95, has returned to complete her college course. Our pledge day is later for next fall and we hope to do away with some of the evil effects of rushing. We sorely feel the need of a fraternity room, but the "powers that be" seem to disapprove.

One of the pleasantest social events of the year for us was a fancy luncheon given by Lucy Price, '96. All fifteen of the active chapter sat down at the table with Mrs Price as "mother." The decorations were all of pansies; pansies and ferns for the centre-piece; pansies at every place and the luncheon cards had pansies painted on them. Mary E. Broomell entertained the chapter at Abington Friends School on March third. We spent a delightful afternoon and everything was thoroughly Theta. During the spring holidays Ann S. Athinson entertained a party of Seniors at her home in Buckingham, Pa.

The Somerville Reunion is always a great event for the Swarthmore girls. The society is almost as old as the college and has an honorable reputation. This year the Reunion was an especially joyous occasion for it marked the completion and dedication of Somerville Hall, the gymnasium which has been built mainly through the efforts of the society and its honorary and associate members. A feature of the literary exercises was a little play "Mary Somerville at Home," written by Emma S. Chambers K. K. I. Bertha L. Broomell and Caroline P. Sargent. Among the "Dramatis Personæ," Bertha Broomell represented Mary Somerville and Mary Ash made a very friendly Lucretia Mott.

Like most college women, we are interested in the college settlement movement. We have had the pleasure of entertaining Amelia Shapleigh of Iota, who holds the College Settlement Scholarship, and have imbibed some of her enthusiasm. Jane Shaw, '95, is the active representative and Hannah Clothier, '91, the alumna representative of the college. Jane Shaw attended the meeting in New York on May nineteenth. Some of us hope to visit the Home on Long Island this summer.

With many good wishes to all Thetas for a pleasant summer,
ALPHA BETA.

Beta District.

ALPHA GAMMA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Since we did not write a chapter letter for the January number of the JOURNAL we have two terms to account for. The winter was gay with college events and fraternity entertainments, for there was given the Junior Hop to the Seniors, the Pan-hellenic reception, and many delightful informal gatherings of fraternity friends.

But these days seem far away while contemplating on the happy times of more recent date.

On the twenty-sixth of March, Mrs. McLaughlin invited the Thetas and their gentleman friends to come for a surprise to her sister Annis. All, I assure you, responded to the invitation and enjoyed a delightful evening.

The Pi Beta Phis made their appearance in college on April the fifth, with six charter members. Alpha Gamma soon wel-

comed them to a spread and Kappa Kappa Gamma gave them an afternoon reception to which also Thetas were invited.

We shall graduate two members this year, Mary Edith Bell and Edith D. Cockins, for whom we entertained with a Pan-Hellenic on our second anniversary, May 24th, at the delightful home of Katherine Doren.

These are our first graduates and two of our charter members. Alpha Gamma will scarcely know how to do without their guiding care which has piloted us through so many difficulties during our life of two short years. We shall hope to have them with us at our meetings next year to look to for advice as in the past years.

We regret very much that our dear Sophomore sister, Esther Stafford, was compelled to leave college during the winter term on account of the severe illness of her mother, but we trust that she will again be with us in the fall.

Our numbers will be diminished by three members in the fall, for besides our Seniors, Helen Patterson, a charming Freshman, will not return next year.

With the hope that Thetas everywhere may have a joyous vacation, we remain,

ALPHA GAMMA.

NU.

HANOVER, IND.

Dear Thetas :

Commencement with its pleasure and excitements gives us added spirit for our last letter to the JOURNAL. We have had especially enjoyable meetings the last of this term. All the members seemed determined to make them a success, and the return of one of our girls, Margaret McCoy, who has spent the winter in Chicago, added much to our pleasure.

Hanover has not been lacking in recreations of all sorts this spring. Each fraternity has a tennis court, and the athletic park has presented a gay appearance every evening, and the spirit of rivalry has given vent occasionally to fraternity yells. A number of our girls report unusually adventurous botanical trips to our various noted and beautiful falls. And our herbariums, what toil and worry they gave us, yet what pleasure!

We felt greatly encouraged by an unusually large number of Thetas with us at Commencement. They are loyal girls, every one, and their spirit and love for Theta seemed as zealous as when they were in college. Among them were Elouise Dorehty of '92, who has just returned from a trip to Texas, Ona Rebuck, Bertie Swope, Jeanette Culbertson, Mary Tandy and Eva Fitzgerald.

Hanover has a very bright prospect for next year, and the Thetas are determined to make the most of it and come out with colors flying.

The fraternity felt they had well reason to be proud. On Commencement day two of the prizes went to our girls, Pauline Ernst receiving the prize for scholarship in the Sophomore class, and Agnes Giboney for elocution in the Freshman class.

We all have bright plans for a happy vacation and expect to return in September with fresh efforts for Theta. We wish you all a happy vacation and hope you will not miss many faces from your hall when you return.

NU.

TAU.

EVANSTON, ILL.

Dear Theta Sisters :

Here we are at the end of another year!—Our last recitations occur to-day, and we have only the horrors of examination and the pleasures of Commencement week to endure, and we may

again lay aside our dignity with our books and be giddy once more. We have been enjoying our chapter life very much this term, our regular meeting being held every Monday evening in our hall. Besides trying to "keep up with the times," we have been reading Charles Kingsley's "Hypatia" and we have enjoyed it very much indeed. At the last meeting of the term our Freshmen served supper to us at half after five in the hall and we had a jolly time.

We have had several very pleasant spreads this term and have pledged two very nice town girls. On April 7, Tau gave a green and white tea to all the sororities at Northwestern and it was very well attended. We held our annual reception April 20th, at the "Avenue House", receiving the faculty and our friends from eight to eleven and dancing afterward. About a hundred were present. The halls and parlors were draped in the black and gold—the music being furnished by Johnny Hand.

Pi Beta Phi has just granted a charter to five girls in Northwestern, so now we have one more sorority to add to the list. The girls in this new chapter are very good students.

For some time past we have been looking forward to this year's issue of the "Syllabus" and at last it has appeared. As perhaps you know it is an annual, published by the Junior class; and it contains everything of interest in a literary and social way for the year. The present issue is especially fine. It is bound in the University purple with white and is said to be very artistic from a printer's point of view.

The Junior class this year is covering itself with glory. It has revived the old custom of holding an annual Junior exhibition and this spring presented very successfully a good play, "The Rajah." Then the Juniors of the fraternities gave, on the 29th of May, the "First Annual Junior Promenade," and it was a great success.

We have two very fine clubs in college. One is the "Coffee Club"—to promote conversation and the reading of books of standard merit. The other is "Der Deutsche Gesellschaft"—for all who are interested in German. The latter club has given two plays during the year besides giving a benefit entertainment for Dr. Mels, the celebrated author of "Heine's Jungen Leiden", and who is now in Chicago in want. Prof. Wheeler gave a "soirée française" to the French students a few weeks ago. Tau's former corresponding secretary sang a solo, while her present corresponding secretary took the part of heroine in a little French farce.

The Delta Gammas have very kindly invited us to an inter-sorority picnic, to be held next week. I suppose this ends the list of college doings for this year, so I will end my letter likewise with best wishes to all Thetas for a happy vacation.

TAU.

PI.

ALBION, MICH.

Dear Theta Sisters :

As the days lengthen and the sun grows warmer we are reminded that it is time for the July letter and we wonder what we have to offer which will interest the readers of the JOURNAL.

Of course we all like to talk about ourselves, so trust we will be pardoned if we tell of the delightful reception which we gave to our college and town friends on Tuesday evening, June 12th, at the beautiful residence of Washington Gardner, who, though he is Michigan's Secretary of State, we are so fortunate as to have as a resident of our city and as a "Theta father."

The house was handsomely decorated with palms, ferns and flowers, the broad veranda lighted with Japanese lanterns and the black and gold was everywhere conspicuous in the decorations. Mr. Gardner and his charming wife helped us receive over three hundred guests, including our college faculty, students, both

“frat’s” and independents, and townspeople. That they all enjoyed themselves we may conclude from the numerous compliments which we have received upon the success of the occasion.

Our college is just now congratulating itself upon the great victory won at our recent field day. Albion took the championship in base ball from four other colleges, as well as a full share of minor sports. The effect of training received in our new gymnasium is beginning to be felt. The evening the boys returned crowned with glory was a gay one for Albion, and the vermillion hue which our city assumed was brilliant indeed.

Since we last wrote one more Theta wears the Kite—Hattie Gillam, whom we pledged last fall. She classifies Freshman, so we are sure of her for some time and I give her sufficient praise when I say she is fully up to the standard of a Theta.

We lose five girls this year by graduation but we will have excellent material left and so have no fears for the future of our Chapter.

We were very much grieved to hear of the death of our sister Grace Overholt. We who have been so fortunate as to meet her can realize to the fullest extent the loss which Kappa Alpha Theta has sustained. We extend to her sorrowing sisters of Epsilon our sincerest sympathy.

And now, with best wishes for a pleasant vacation, we will say—not adieu, but *au revoir*.

Pr.

ETA.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Dear Sisters in Theta :

Eta’s contribution to the July JOURNAL must needs be a very modest one for we have been leading a comparatively retired life during the last three months.

We were fortunate enough to have two of our charter members, Martha Chadbourne and Mamah Borthwick with us for a week in March. They came for the Junior Hop but remained for several minor festivities, among them a Kappa Alpha Theta tea at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Henry C. Adams. The thirty girls present had a delightful time as our resident member is a charming hostess. A very welcome guest upon this occasion was Alta Miller of Tau, who was visiting friends in the city. Another Tau sister, Lois Rice, came a few days later. She was a guest at one of the fraternity houses but we succeeded in capturing her for an informal college spread when we deluged her with Theta questions. Would that more of our Theta sisters found their way to Ann Arbor!

There has been this year a very noticeable tendency among many of the girls of '97 not to pledge themselves to a fraternity during their Freshman year. While we can not but applaud this principal in the abstract, still we have found one disadvantageous result—it has necessitated continuous rushing through the year. However, we have been successful and two Theta-like girls, Maude Phillips and Minnie Rhines, have put on the knot of black and yellow during the past week. Since our last letter, also, Susan Patterson, who was a pledgling then, has ridden the Theta goat.

Among our recent rushing parties have been drives and college spreads, one of the latter preceded by a very enjoyable walk around the Boulevard. Have we ever told you about our Boulevard? The name is almost too Metropolitan for the winding country road which climbs hills and dips into valleys, affording now a glimpse of the Huron river and now a vision of college towers. The three-mile walk put a keen edge upon healthy college appetites and full justice was done to the subsequent feast.

We have read with pleasure in the JOURNAL of the many Thetas who are receiving college honors. There are few of the

latter to be had at Michigan, excepting in the Senior class. One of our Juniors, however, Winifred Craine, has just been elected president of the Women's League, an organization including most of the women of all departments of the University, together with the wives of the Professors.

We are hoping to have a house next year, for we recognize the aid it would be to fraternity work and to the development of fraternity spirit. Next year, too, we will have our patroness, Mrs. M. L. H. Walker, with us again. We miss her greatly now, as for the last few months she has been travelling in Italy.

In closing, we wish to congratulate our Editor and our Theta sisters in general upon the excellence of the last JOURNAL, both in the contributions and letters. It made us still more proud that we had been deemed worthy of such fellowship.

ETA.

UPSILON.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Dear Theta Sisters :

Theta has a new sister in the person of Bertha Bradford. She is one whom we have long wanted in our circle.

Upsilon now numbers sixteen active members, with five near residing Alumnæ. We have jolly good times together for we are a host in ourselves.

We gave a fad party in February to our gentlemen friends. There was an average of about four gentlemen to one lady. You may well believe that our loquacious powers were taxed to the utmost, but we survived and so did the gentlemen.

The party was held at the home of Mary and Hattie Felton. The house was decorated with flowers and our colors of black and gold adorned the staircase.

Music and fads served for entertainment. Each guest was presented with a souvenir made of water color paper cut into two parts the shape of our pin. Around the edge of one was a wide gilt band having in the center the Greek letters *K. A. Θ.* and just below the date of our reception 2,9,94. On the other was painted our flower, the pansy. They were very pretty and also served a purpose as every one was expected to write on the blank sides a verse extolling the merits of his fad. This caused a good deal of fun and the evening passed pleasantly.

Washington's Birthday we were invited to luncheon, at the pretty home of Helen Woodman in St. Paul. It was a very disagreeable day and most of us had a long way to go, but go we did and enjoyed a delightful afternoon.

A new girl's fraternity has come out at our University, making six sororities in all. It is called the "Delta Delta Delta," or "Tri Delts." There are about nine members and the customary reception was tendered them March 28th given by all the sororities, namely, the Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta. It was held in one of the University buildings, the Y. M. C. A. Refreshments were served and a short program was enjoyed, in which all the fraternities took part. At the close each Tri Delt was presented with a pink rose. The flower of the Tri Delts is the same as our own. Their colors are bright blue, silver and gold. They have very pretty pins, made in the shape of a crescent.

A short time ago there was a Panhellenic meeting in which each "Frat" was represented by two delegates. It was called chiefly for the purpose of discussing preparatory pledging. All the "Frats," with the exception of Alpha Phi, were desirous of abolishing this custom of preparatory pledging. *K. A. Θ.* went still further and wished to fix a date up to which time no pledging was to be done, but this was not agreeable to most of the delegates, so that the compact remains about the same as before,

namely, that there is to be no definite understanding between a Frat and prospective college student until these students enter college.

During the spring term, we have given, once every month, an informal reception at the different homes of our girls. They have all been well attended and enjoyed. Our last one was given May 15th, in St. Paul. Time passed so rapidly that many of the Minneapolis people had a narrow escape from walking home, but fortunately caught the last car.

The school year is now almost over. We shall soon separate for vacation and next year will find us without our Seniors. But we are hopeful, for many are to return to work for Theta.

UPSILON.

KAPPA.

LAWRENCE, Kansas., May 29, 1894.

Dear Theta Sisters :

Once more before we separate for our summer vacation we send you a letter, telling of the still happy and prosperous condition of our chapter.

This has been an exceptionally good year for us and to encourage us still more we had the pleasure a few weeks ago of welcoming among us Jean Sayre, the daughter of one of our most highly-esteemed professors. Jean entered the Freshman class last fall and has proved herself a student of plenty of ability and seems to use it to the best advantage. She is somewhat reserved, but the natural sweetness of her disposition is slowly but most surely winning all our hearts and we feel that in her we receive a Theta of whom we may well be proud.

We were glad to meet Miss Anna Shaw, an older Theta who is giving lectures on Woman's Suffrage, a short time ago. She gave a short talk in the chapel while here, and after the exercises

many of the girls went to meet her. Her cordial handshake and few words of kindly greeting made each feel that, though years may pass, the sisterly feeling which each has for the other is something that can never change.

On the evening of May fourth we gave our annual spring party. For months before we plotted, planned and schemed how we might make it most successful. The hall was decorated as we were best able and we were much assisted in decoration and manner of entertainment by Mrs. Hodder, the wife of one of our professors, who is also a Theta.

About one hundred and fifty guests were invited and we are encouraged to believe that all enjoyed it very much.

Next week our school term closes and as all of you will soon be through your work, with kindest wishes we tell you all, Good bye.

KAPPA.



PERSONALS.

LAMBDA.

Mrs. J. H. Spear returned home from California in time for Commencement, and will be with us through the summer.

Among our old girls in town for Commencement were Miss Eliza Isham, '86, Miss Lucia Barney, '89, Miss Belle Bennett, '91, and Miss Fannie Pierce, '93.

Two of our graduates were elected to the Phi Beta Kappa society—Mary Bates and Lillian Scott. Mary Bates led her class all through the four years' course.

ALPHA BETA.

Several Thetas attended a dance on the twenty-sixth of May, given by Helen B. Smith, of Media.

Bertha L. Broomell, '94, expects to teach at Abington with her sister, next year.

Anna S. Atkinson, '94, will teach next year in the Friends' School, Locust Valley, Long Island.

Caroline P. Sargent, '94, visited Jane Shaw, '95, at Williamsport, during the spring holidays.

Bertha Lippincott, '95, and Lucy B. Price, '96, spent the Easter holidays at Atlantic City.

Elizabeth B. Miller, '95, represents *K.A.Θ.* on the editorial staff of the Phoenix. She is associate editor.

Agnes E. Walker, ex-'96, of Manchester, Va., visited the college during Commencement week.

Alice Atkinson and Winifred Ball, of Iota, were with us on Decoration Day. Alice Atkinson expects to take the degree of Ph. D. at the University of Pennsylvania in September. Winifred Ball will sail in August for Oxford, England.

TAU.

Miss Grace B. Dietrich, ex-'96, formerly of Chicago, now resides in Evanston, and will be in college again next September.

Miss Henrietta Jennings, '93, was married in June to Mr. Frank Oates, *Φ.Κ.Ψ.* and will reside during the summer at the Theta cottage.

Lois Rice, while at Ann Arbor to attend the Junior Hop, was entertained at a five o'clock tea by the Thetas there.

Alta Miller, '97, visited Ann Arbor Thetas in March.

PI.

Maude Cooper, '97, sailed for Europe the 20th of June, where she will spend her vacation sight-seeing and will be with us again in the fall.

Winnifreda Gale has engaged with the Harvard Quartette, as their reader, for next season.

Edith Dissette, one of those who wore the black and gold, has been appointed to a position of trust and honor at our State capitol.

Theo M. Gardner, who is at present in Geneva, Switzerland, studying French, will return to us in July.

Grace Powell has returned from an extended visit in Ohio.

Delia Shearer, who was with us two years ago, attended our reception.

Emma Gail Agard, '93, visited us recently and attended the Greek play given by the students of our Greek department.

EXCHANGES.

The University of Tennessee has opened its doors to women.—*Ex.*

The first woman in the world to receive the degree of Electrical Engineer is Miss Bertha Lawrence, of Springfield, Ohio, a graduate of the State University.—*Ex.*

There is no college paper published in England, while there are over 200 colleges in America that issue periodical publications. The college yell is also an American invention and is unknown in other countries.—*Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.*

Regular chapter meetings should always include some kind of gastronomic exercise. There is no need that it should be elaborate or expensive, but it should seldom be omitted. Some chapters are prone to imitate recitations and other obnoxious college exercises in their meetings.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

Chicago University cleared about \$40,000 last summer by renting its dormitories to World's Fair visitors.—*Ex.*

Seventy-eight officers of Cornell University are said to be members of fraternities.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

One of D. K. E.'s official jewelry firms advertises in the *Quarterly* of that fraternity that in accordance with the authority recently granted by the Grand Council, they are now making, besides the regulation badge, "a line of novelties in gold and silver, all especially designed and emblematic of D. K. E." The list includes watch fobs, book markers, souvenir spoons, programme chatelettes, garter buckles, etc., etc. As to what is implied in the double et cetera, is merely a matter of conjecture. We are inclined to think that this is "going a little too far."—*Ex.*

Cornell has a total fraternity membership of about 1000, or two-thirds of the entire student body, being the highest per cent. of fraternity men to the total attendance of any of the large universities. The field is occupied by 27 chapters, 23 of which occupy chapter houses.—*The Palm*.

There are at Cornell University twenty regular four year men's fraternities, four women's fraternities, three professional fraternities, two honorary fraternities, four class societies, thirteen social and convivial organizations among the men and four among the women, nine organizations for the pursuit of some particular field of knowledge, nine religious and philosophical associations, three general athletic organizations, four musical and dramatic organizations, and three debating societies, making a total of seventy-eight. There may be and doubtless are others of the same general character as the above, but of a more private nature.—Cornell University Letter, *Beta Theta Pi*.

The welcome placed at the head of this department is sincere; for while at times these pages may not breathe all the gentleness and balm, yet the heart behind them beats in kind sympathy with every heart directing and controlling the magazines of the other fraternities. It is by no means difficult to have our hearts throbbing in sympathy with the hearts of editors of the feminine publications. For while some of these editors seem very loath to allow the JOURNAL any room in their good graces, nevertheless, the JOURNAL, from its natural regard for womankind, and by its admiration for the excellent work of the editors of the feminine organs, pays spontaneously a tribute of respect and sympathy. Such sympathy springs from the bent of our constitution. The sympathy for the masculine editors springs from a slower growth of philanthropy, which is developed only by years and experience. What little wisdom that has come to adorn the walls of this sanctum teaches, beyond doubt, the close relationship between all men,

and declares in unmistakable terms that every man is interested in the prosperity of all men.—*Exchange*.

The tendency of the sororities seems to be toward a broadening of work and aim, and growing prominence is given to the idea that the fraternity woman has no right to exist unless she be of use to the world at large. The *Arrow* of Phi Beta Phi for January is in complete harmony with this idea. The key note of the whole is sounded in a few words by a correspondent, who says :

The fraternity woman occupies a position in the world differing from that of other women, since the environment and training of the formative period of her life have been different. And in proportion as her advantages have been greater than those of many other women, does she owe more to the world, and does the world justly demand more from her.

The young women seem to be solving the problem of making fraternity magazines all that they should be for the fraternity itself, and something more than this, for there is much in them to interest any young woman who is disposed to study the world as it is and her relation to it, and all this without too much preaching or radicalism. The department entitled "Of interest to All Women" is especially creditable, giving as it does in a nutshell interesting information on a wide range of subjects, from the progress of dress reform to the Round Robin reading clubs.—*Exchange*.

The editor of *Anchora* was in a very sportive mood when she edited the *Anchora* for April. She lets no opportunity for a joke escape her. We quote one of her editorials. In spite of the jesting tone, the editor was evidently expressing her serious opinion :

"The recent transformation of the Harvard Annex into Radcliffe college is an event of sufficient interest and importance to be mentioned even in *Anchora*. Although the fact and its causes and anticipated consequences have long since become familiar to the college world, we yet feel justified in discussing the subject once more, as it belongs to that order of events over which progressive

anything about the fruit of the tree of knowledge? He had to be urged to take even the first small taste of learning, and apparently repented of having even done that much, later. History thus makes it evident that man had very little to do with the beginning of the educational movement, and although he has played a more or less conspicuous part in its development, he certainly can never get around the fact that he owes all he knows to a woman. And in view of this undisputed proof of her superiority, woman humiliates herself by deigning to seriously discuss the question of her education with man. It is rather late in the day for men to dictate to women in this matter. They should have begun several thousand years ago.

In lighter vein is the following. may recall the delightful mystery and shivering incident to our own initiation. After all, do not the mystic rites, the secret ceremonies claim a very dear place in memory?

INITIATION INTO DELTA GAMMA.

Before I have taken a dozen steps (upward or downward?) I am lost in darkness; the steps are hollow and sloping and slippery, they seem to have been waxed. With difficulty I retain my footing. I count the steps, seventy-eight and over; I have lost track of the number and stumble giddily onward. I am conscious of openings from time to time—openings to what? I do not know. A damp air exhales from them, and the air is cold upon my face as I pass them. At last a dim red light above; with the next turn a blinding glare of light, then utter darkness. There comes a prodigious rattling and grinding from above, then a jangling of bells. A sound of thunder, accompanied by a vivid flash of lightning, filled the air, even as the first notes of the bells reached my ears. The music clashed about me with a deafening din, to the accompaniment of the thunder. The place is filled with shrieks and hollow groans. It is grandly terrible. A creepy, shivery feeling runs up and down my spine; a fear of which I am ashamed takes possession of me. I wonder vaguely if, when I do not return to earth, a search will be made for my bones, and think how my friends and companions will speak in whispers of my strange, mysterious disappearance, how—Hark! what was that? A giggle? Yes, unmistakably, a feminine giggle. The gods be thanked? I am saved!

From the *University Review* we clip the following from an article on histories of fraternities, as emphasizing the point we have already made :

All self-respecting organizations should publish their annuals. Fraternity pride demands that a record of the past be preserved. A fraternity history would be equally as valuable as a catalogue and more interesting. The work should not be postponed. Much has already been lost by delay. In each fraternity a competent member or committee should be appointed immediately to collect all the fraternity's publications and to resurrect old documents. Alumni who can now supply missing facts may be dead a few years hence. Archives still extant may have been destroyed by fire or otherwise. The originals of valuable papers should be kept in fire-proof receptacles, and copies of some might be printed in the fraternity's magazine, as has been done in the *Beta Theta Pi* and the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta. Alumni who have acted conspicuous parts in organizing and building up the fraternity should be requested to write personal reminiscences. As time affects the accuracy of memory, it would be well not to depend too much on the recollections of alumni for historic details, but such reminiscences will often afford delightful insights into the customs of the fraternity during eras through which it has lived.

Each chapter should utilize all the fraternity and college records obtainable in the compilation of a chapter history to be published separately, or at least contribute a full historical sketch to the fraternity magazine. A general movement of this kind would, in a few years, result in a number of splendid histories, which would be the greatest additions that have ever been made to fraternity literature. Nothing else that could be done would so powerfully operate to bring the fraternity system more prominently before the public as an important and commendable factor in the college world of America.

An account of the first election in New Zealand at which women used the ballot is given in the *Nineteenth Century*. "At nine precisely the polling places were opened, and here in Auckland the women were the first to enter. There was no confusion, no cries or jeers, or interference of any kind with the voters, and very little more excitement than at an ordinary election ; that is, not half as many people about the streets as on Sunday afternoon

when the children were going to Sunday school, or on Sunday evening when the people are going to church. Perhaps a few more women were walking about than are usually to be seen in the morning. Cabs and carriages arrived constantly at the polling places with "lady voters." All went on just as if women had had votes just as long as the colony had had responsible government. During the whole day not a single drunken man was to be seen anywhere, and the women passed from the polling places without any annoyance and with only the inevitable, but extremely, courteous solicitations of the canvassers for the different candidates."

Mary Garrett has given Bryn Mawr one of the finest private classical libraries in Germany. It formerly belonged to the late Professor Saupe, of Gottingen. There are 16,000 volumes, 9,000 of which are on the subjects of classical philology and archæology. The college is in need of a new library building to accommodate them.—*University Review*.

The draft charter of the University of Wales is now before the House of Commons. Music is one of the subjects mentioned in it, and women are to be eligible for admittance to any degree which the University is authorized to confer.—*The Trident*.

WELLESLEY.—President Shafer's annual report contains many interesting statistics. Of particular significance are the comparative tables showing the results of physical training in the cases of certain students. The measurements were taken and arranged by Miss M. Anna Wood, the physical examiner of the college, and include records of class crews receiving training in the gymnasium and on the lake, and of 20 students receiving no training. The gain in strength made by those students under training is so appreciable as to give particular emphasis to the necessity and value of physical training as a part of the college curriculum.—*University Review*.

Three American women have received the degree of Ph. D., *summa cum laude*, from the University of Zurich—Miss Helen L. Webster, professor of comparative philology at Wellesley College; Miss Thomas, Dean of Bryn Mawr College; and Mrs. Mary Noyes Colvin, Principal of Bryn Mawr Preparatory School at Baltimore. —*The Arrow*.

Mrs. Mary B. Willard, principal of the American Home School in Berlin, has given to the Association of College Alumnae a scholarship in modern languages, including board and tuition for one year, in that institution. The candidate must be a graduate of not more than one year's standing of some college in the association; she must be under 22 years of age, and must have studied French or German for two years.—*Chicago Inter-Ocean*.

Miss Frances Willard tells the readers of the *Review of the Churches* the wonderful story of Mrs. Catherine Booth's oldest daughter. She recalls how Miss Booth commenced work when only 14 years of age, driven to it by an irresistible urging of divine love. When La Marechale opened the batteries of the Salvation army on the Parisians, it seemed a forlorn hope. In her little hall, at the bottom of an *impasse* in one of the rowdiest quarters of the city, the worst elements congregated, amidst a bedlam of hostile voices, representing all the most aggressive forms of immorality and infidelity, this frail woman fought nightly for God, and for six months she kept up this fatiguing struggle every night, with the exception of a few Saturdays. But it was not long before the "something" supernatural which inspired her was recognized, and the people began to call her Sainte Catherine. Several years later how changed were the circumstances! La Marechale was able to secure in the fashionable Salle de Conference of the Grand Boulevards the attention of the *elite* of Paris.—*Review of Reviews*.

The Colorado Legislature at its extra session provided for house to house registration of the women who wish to vote. There

has been a popular superstition that the ignorant and vicious women would be the first to rush to the polls, and while the intelligent and respectable woman would generally stay away. In Denver the experience has been entirely the reverse. As one of the Denver papers says: "The registration will be large—larger than has been anticipated by the most sanguine of equal suffrage leaders. In the best localities the percentage will apparently be 90 to 100 per cent., while it will decrease gradually down the social scale. The line is very clearly drawn. It is parallel with the line of culture and intelligence. In the best residence parts of the city the proportion of women who are registering is very large. Among the middle classes the proportion is good—better in fact than in any other. Below these classes it grows less and less till the bottoms are reached with their miseries and dirt. Here women know nothing of registration and only a meagre percentage are induced by persuasive canvassers to become voters. In short, this fear of the greater willingness of bad and ignorant women to vote is proved by experience to be, in the words of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, "a scarecrow that has not even a broomstick of truth in it."—*Woman's Journal*.

We always leave the *Kappa Alpha Theta* until the last. Placed at the bottom of the exchanges, with a corner of its "dainty, glossy, cream colored and simply decorated covering" peeping out, "which is removed beyond the possibilities of a description of any but a feminine pen," it entices us to penetrate through the mass. When we reach it, it drives away the memory of the sharp competition existing in the masculine part of the Greek world. It even makes us forget the bills we owe, and the way in which they scorched us the last time we tried to compliment them. For the girls have such a charming way of saying things. They have held a convention, passed motions, drafted resolutions, revised their constitution and incorporated themselves.

Preparatory students are not to be pledged any more, and honorary membership is a thing of the past. The Journal is to receive more attention. Chapter letters and contributions are to come in at exactly the right time, and all the officers are to do their duty this year. We think that *Kappa Alpha Theta* is beyond compare, and prove it by the following extract :

"This may account for the appearance of the Convention notes in the October number, and for the non-appearance of the July number. If this explanation be not perfectly clear and satisfactory, then write to the editors and tell them what you think of them. That will be sure to help arrange and clarify matters, and perhaps result is reproducing the spilled milk."

Also this :

"And then the ideal chapter letters that are to appear in the most magic way—unsummoned—just at the exact time for publication, and written on only one side of the paper ! (Our feelings overcome us at this point, and blot, with tears of thankfulness, words that would express our inmost thoughts.)

"But when we read the report of the money appropriated for the publication and salaries, we pinch ourselves to make sure we are not dreaming. 'Tis then that the full and complete joy of editorial existence floods the soul, and the sweet hope of future peace and prosperity takes deep root there."—*The Record*.

The *Trident* for November attracted attention, as it had been absent from our table for a six month. As we turned over its interesting pages we discovered an article on "The Fraternity Congress." All recent journals have been closely scanned that we might gather the results of the editors' congress. Having been absent therefrom by reason of illness and never hearing a word as to whether the article prepared for the occasion had been read or not, every article touching on this gathering had a peculiar interest. Many of the journals have given it casual mention, but no full account had yet met our eye. This of the *Trident* seemed to take up the subject in extenso. We settled back in our chair and began to experience with the writer of the article the

disappointments of the morning session, when more ladies than gentlemen were present. Our spirits rose with the second session. We were surprised, to say the least, at what we read. This is what she wrote :

"The afternoon session was brighter, being a meeting of fraternity editors. Several who were announced to speak failed to appear. The two most enjoyable papers were on 'Fraternity Journalism—Its Financial Aspects,' by the editor of *The Shield* of Theta Delta Chi, and the paper by the editor of *The Anchor* on 'Journalism Among the Sororities.' Mr. Holmes, of the *Shield*, spoke in a delightful, clear, bright style, which carried conviction with the sentiments expressed ; we might have guessed he was a high school principal if he had not told us so. We were not ashamed of our sorority editor ; she did credit to the woman's fraternities."

We are sorry to rudely destroy the pleasant delusion of our worthy sister. It is impossible to believe that any beverage strong enough to intoxicate could have been obtained on the grounds, so she must have labored under the mistaken idea that the polished high school principal who read our article was the editor of the *Shield* himself. The statement assures us, however, that our hastily prepared "Fraternity Journalism" fell into decidedly good hands and the reader was able to produce from it expressions and effects which the writer himself, perhaps, did not conceive of. Some day we may learn who it was, and be thereby enabled to tender our thanks for his able rendition. In the meantime, as we have no desire to sail under false colors, we must decline to admit our presence in two places at once. We were in spirit at this meeting, but our person was regretfully lounging on the banks of one of New York's beautiful little lakes, in search of health.—*The Shield*.

The trustees of Wellesley College have given to the department of physical training between two and three acres of land to use as a play ground. All the games will be under the charge of the director of physical training.—*Ex*.

An enthusiastic mass meeting was held at Wellesley College to celebrate the adoption of the woman suffrage amendment in Colorado. Out of 622 college girls interviewed 506 declared themselves in favor of woman suffrage. A telegram was at once sent to the Woman Suffrage Association of Colorado, "Five hundred Wellesley women rejoice in the granting of suffrage to the women of Colorado."—*The Arrow*.

J. W. O'SULLIVAN, (MEDICAL HALL,)

—‡ DEALER IN ‡—

Drugs, Medicines and Chemicals,

FINE TOILET SOAPS, BRUSHES, COMBS, ETC.

Perfumery & Fancy Toilet Articles in great variety

PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS ACCURATELY COMPOUNDED.

'Phone 26-3.

26 CHURCH ST., BURLINGTON, VT.

DOLAN BROS.,

The largest Fancy Grocery, Fruit and Vegetable Store in the city. Give us a call and see for yourself. Best goods and lowest prices. **DOLAN BROS.,**

205 College St.